Colby Text as Published Contained Erroneous 'Not'

In some editions of The New York Times yesterday, paragraph in the text of a report by William E. Colby, Director of Central Intelligence, to a Senate Appropriations subcommittee contained an erroneous "not" that distorted the meaning of his statement.

The paragraph, in its correct form, read:

"In this context, it is clear that C.I.A. does have material on large numbers of Americans, as applicants, current and ex-employes, sources and other contracts, contractors, government and contractor personnel cleared for access to sensitive categories of intelligence, references and other names arising during security investivations, individuals corresponding with us, etc."

The word "not" appeared erroneously near the beginning of the sentence between "does" and "have."